

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 2, and 4 as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) Multipart male mold plate (1) for a form tool for injection-molding of molded articles, in particular PET preforms (6), said male mold plate (1) comprising a base plate (2) and a stripper plate (3) having a slide (4), on which slide (4) there is provided a plurality of separable male mold cones (5, 5'), and there is provided at least one hydraulic drive (12) for completely opening the male mold cones (5, 5'),

characterized in that the hydraulic drive (12) is secured to the slide (4) and rests against the stripper plate (3) and

the male mold plate further characterized in that an inclined drag element ~~and~~ provided with a step ~~are~~ is secured to the base plate and actuates the slide in such a way that said drag element less than completely opens the male mold cones merely for a detachment stroke at a position between a closing position and an extraction position.

2. (Currently Amended) Male mold plate according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the hydraulic drive (12) cooperates with a pull-back spring.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) Male mold plate according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the hydraulic drive (12) cooperates with a second hydraulic drive for opening the male mold cones (5, 5').

5. (Canceled)